

Appl. No. : 09/997,741  
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### REMARKS

With respect to claims 61-73, Applicants have elected the following three species:

(1) "the capture beads and reporter beads are mixed off the disc and the magnetic field is applied to the mixture of the sample and the beads off the disc" (claim 63), for which claims 61, 62 and 66-73 are readable thereon;

(2) "detecting light reflected from the capture field" (claim 66), for which claims 61-65 and 68-73 are readable thereon; and

(3) "a first capture agent in the first capture field, and a second capture agent, different from the first capture agent, in the second capture field" (claim 72), for which claims 61-71 are readable thereon.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants request consideration of additional species which include the limitations of the allowed generic claim.

### CONCLUSION

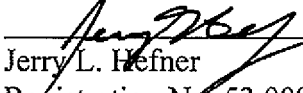
Applicants believe that all outstanding issues in this case have been resolved and that the present claims are in condition for allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below in order to expedite the resolution of such issues.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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